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- 2. No contact exists between the local Communists and the Central Committee although an attempt is being made to recontact the Central Committee in order to organize a Regional Committee.
- 3. Communist books published in Beirut are the only communist educational material available in Suwayda since tracts are not sent from Damascus and none are printed by the local CP. Occasionally for the benefit of the workers and peasants the CP organizes plays which are given in the homes of members, showing the struggle between the workers and the capitalists.
- 4. Cooperation exists between the Arab Resurrectionists and the Communists. The Communists receive a copy of the secret Arab Resurrectionist tracts sent from Damascus.